

**Benjamin H. Latrobe to Thomas Jefferson, April 14,  
1818, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital.  
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**Latrobe to Jefferson**

*Baltimore April 14th. 1818*

THOS. JEFFERSON ESQR.

*Dear Sir,*

Since my retirement from the public service I no longer hear from You, in answer to the letters I have written transmitting the information you requested, and in the only manner in which I could, myself, obtain it. This is the only bad consequence which has resulted to me from my resignation, and the displeasure of the President US.

I enclose you, I hope without offence, a statement which was rendered necessary in consequence of my losing a very honorable & lucrative employment on the plea of my extravagance; the President's authority having been used as the ground of the charge. — For the President, I shall always retain the highest respect, well aware of the course of intrigue that suddenly induced him to forbid me all approach to him personally & by letter. He will be undeceived, tho' perhaps too late. — I have here more employ than ever, and such as produces for me respect & independence. I shall always be very truly & gratefully  
Yours B H Latrobe

[Ms., *Jefferson Papers*, Library of Congress.]